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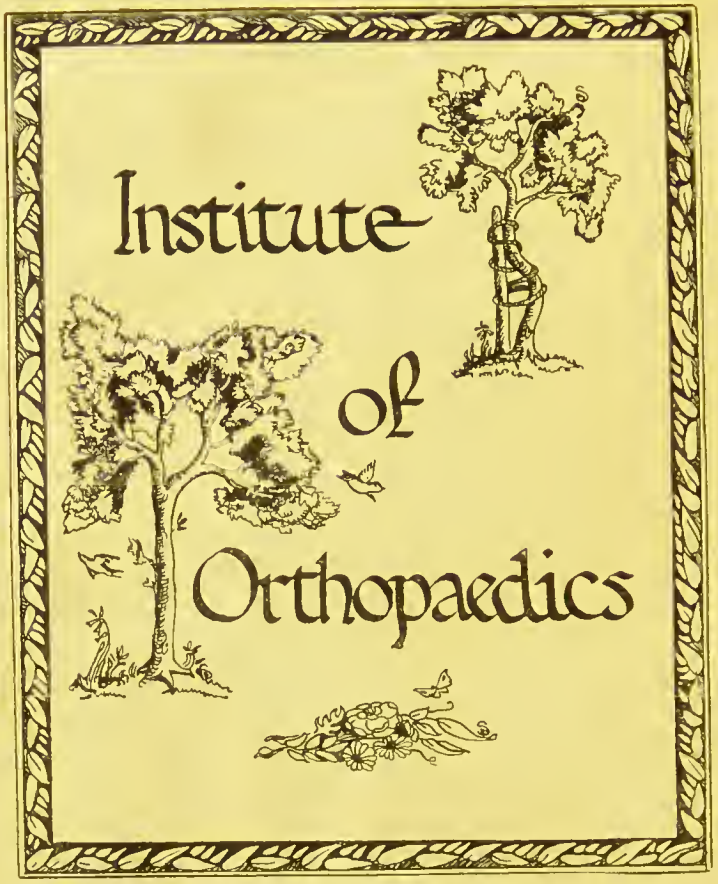
FOR

MILITIA SURGEONS.



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Militia Regimental Hospitals.

WHEREAS, by a late Act of Parliament, the Surgeons of Militia Regiments are put on the ſame footing with thoſe of the regular forces, ſo far as the rules of the one ſervice may be applicable to the other, His Royal Highneſs the Commander in Chief is pleaſed to order that (until a more perfect ſyſtem be formed) the following inſtructions for the management of Militia Hoſpitals, be ſtrictly attended to.

Hoſpital eſtabliſhment and accommodation.

When a Regiment is in Barracks, a Hoſpital is required to be provided, and properly furniſhed by the Barrack department; when in quarters, the Surgeon muſt look out for a

houſe ſuitable to the ſtrength of the Regiment, in a dry ſituation, and with good water: but before he engages it, he muſt ſtate to the Inſpector General of Army Hoſpitals, its rent, ſituation, and ſize, deſcribing the number of rooms, what wards have fire-places, and how many beds each room will contain. Without this ſanction firſt obtained, no charge for a hired houſe will be allowed, unleſs very preſſing emergency ſhall juſtify a departure from this regulation; and which muſt be ſtated in the firſt Weekly Return.

During encampment, a Hoſpital Tent is allowed in aid of a Hoſpital; but, except in caſes of abſolute neceſſity, it is not to be the ſole Hoſpital: and great care ſhould be taken to ſelect a dry piece of ground for the Tent, in the neighbourhood of the Regimental Hospital.

Sentries. The Commanding Officers ſhould be applied to for a guard, in order to furniſh one or more ſentries to the Regimental Hoſpital, and the ſame to the Hoſpital Tent, which ſentries are to be directed to permit no perſon to enter but thoſe concerned in the Hoſpital, the Staff, and Officers of the Regiment. They are to be particularly careful in preventing liquor, or any

any thing improper, from being carried into the Hoſpital: nor are they to permit any patient to go out (to the neceſſary excepted) without a ticket of leave from the attending Surgeon.

Hoſpital utenſils and equipments.

In Barrack Hoſpitals, all articles of bedding and utenſils are furniſhed by the Barrack-Office, to the extent of their ſchedule, on the requiſition of the Surgeon, duly certified by the Commanding Officer. In other ſituations, the Surgeon will reſort to his own regimental ſtores.

Medicines.

On the formation of a Corps, a cheſt or cheſts of medicines, according to the ſtrength of the Regiment, are furniſhed by direction of the Inſpector-General; and, for ſubſequent ſupplies, the Surgeon is to make his requiſition to that Officer half-yearly, viz. on 24th June and 24th December. At theſe periods, he will ſend returns, ſtating the quantities laſt received, the preſent ſtock in hand, and a detail of the articles to be renewed, with the quantities that may in his judgment be equal to the probable wants of the enſuing ſix months, not exceeding the original ſupply.

It is very desirable that all intermediate requisitions be avoided; but if real and unexpected consumption should make it necessary, the extra. supply must be drawn as before from the public Elaboratory: no druggists charge will be admitted, unless the Surgeon has previous permission to purchase an occasional article, or unless the pressure of the moment will not allow of that delay. The circumstances, with the charge, must be then stated in the next Week's Return.

Hospital Servants.

The establishment of Hospital Servants gives for a Regiment of 500 men and upwards, one Nurse at 1s. one Serjeant at 6d. and one Orderly at 4d. This is understood to be the maximum of expence to be generally brought against the public under that head.—In Battalions of inferior numbers, the expence of Hospital attendants must be regulated in due proportion to their strength. If from unusual sickness further assistance be necessary, application must be made to the Inspector General for his approval of it.

This regulated allowance is intended for an entire Regiment. When the Regiment is separated, the Surgeon is expected to exercise his discretion in dividing and apportioning the ordinary

ordinary expence of the whole in ſuch a way as to meet the exigencies of all: thus, in the ſituation of a Regiment detached in three parts, its has been lately recommended and uſefully practiſed, to diſcontinue the Nurſe, and to employ three Orderlies in her ſtead; and by ſo doing, to give a due proportion of aſſiſtance to each detachment. The Serjeant is to take charge of the bedding, utenſils, and other Hoſpital ſtores, and be himſelf anſwerable for any damage or loſs.

Orderlies.

The duty of the Orderly Man is to officiate as Nurſe, by attending the ſick, adminiſtering the medicines and comforts, and keeping the wards clean.

Removal of Hoſpital Stores.

The removal of Hoſpital ſtores is not a charge on the Hoſpital fund; they are conſidered as a part of the Regimental baggage, and muſt be conveyed according to the War-Office regulations.

Stoppages of men in Hoſpital.

By a general order of His Royal Highneſs, the Commander in Chief (of which a copy is annexed) the ſtoppage to be drawn from men in Hoſpital is fixed at 10d. per day.

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Returns of Expenditure.

The above ſtoppage and the general expenditure of the Hoſpital are under the immediate direction of the Surgeon, who will check and controul the Serjeants' accounts, being himſelf reſponſible for the due appropriation of the money, as well as for the general conduct of the Hoſpital and of the ſervants under his authority. The blank forms of Returns herewith ſent, and the accompanying example will ſhew the mode in which thoſe accounts are to be weekly tranſmitted to the Inſpector General, duly certified by the Commanding Officer and by the Surgeon.

The Sick Return forming part of the table, is only to be filled up every fourth week, or that week in which the 20th of the month occurs, and is to be conſidered as a ſubſtitute for the former Monthly Report. For example: If Wedneſday be the 20th, let the next Sunday's Return give the account of ſick; but if the 20th fall on the Monday or Tueſday, it will be better to make it up on the preceding 18th or 19th, that it may reach this office in due time for the General Report to the Commander in Chief.

This

This Return is to give the total number of the ſick of the Regiment, whether at Head-Quarters, in General Hoſpital, on Detachment, or on Furlough.

Diet. For the ſake of uniformity the diet of the ſick is (in the Weekly Return) divided into four claſſes, viz. full, half, low and ſpoon. But in the compoſition of theſe diets the Surgeon is not reſtricted to any particular rule: he is rather invited to exerciſe his judgment and diſcretion upon it, being only required to tranſmit a copy of his diet table to the Inſpector General. In this arrangement, he will have an opportunity of ſhewing his own management and œconomy.

Diet Roll. The Diet Roll is to be daily filled up and weekly ſigned by the Surgeon of the Regiment: and to be regularly filed for future inſpection. As this ſerves (with the Hoſpital Book) for a voucher of the charges in the Weekly Return, it behoves the Surgeon to be very circumſpect in its detail: for, if on inſpection, any charges appear in the one that are not ſupported by the other, the expence will inevitably fall on himſelf.

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Waſhing. The waſhing of bedding in Regimental Hospitals out of Barracks is part of the duty of the Nurſe, unleſs her time be otherwiſe occupied by a heavy ſick lift. The perſonal waſhing of the ſick is to be committed to the charge of ſome woman *out of the Hoſpital*, and to be paid for at the regulated price.

Hoſpital Bills. The bills of Practitioners, and all other bills, muſt be early ſent for approval to the Inſpector General, and when paid, muſt be inſerted in the next Weekly Return. A half yearly account is to be made up on the 24th of June and 24th of December, and be tranſmitted to the Inſpector General; which account muſt include all expences of the period that are not brought into the Weekly Return: It is to be certified by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, and accompanied with regular vouchers. All charges or bills in arrear beyond the half year, will be poſitively rejected.

Every Regimental Surgeon, and Aſſiſtant Surgeon, on receiving the Commanding Officer's authority for ſo doing, are expected to take care of the ſick of any other Regiment, Detachment, or Recruiting Party, Men on Furlough, &c. whoſe Regiments are at a diſtance; provided

provided there is no General Hoſpital in the neighbourhood.

When a Detachment is without a Regimental Aſſiſtant, and is not within reach of any Military Surgeon, the Country Practitioner may be employed. The regulated allowance has been at 1d. per man per week for medicines and attendance; but where the number is under thirty, and the contract cannot be made for that ſum, it is allowable to give 6d. per month. Every Officer commanding a Detachment, ſhould be apprized by the Surgeon of this Regulation. Medical Allowance.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

In purſuance of the King's Warrant, the extra. price of meat and bread is allowed to be charged by the Pay-Maſter:—no more than 6d. per lb. for the former, and 1½d. for the latter, can therefore be included in the Surgeon's Weekly Returns; in caſes where white bread is neceſſary, the contract bread muſt either not be drawn at all, or the difference alone muſt be

be inſerted as an extra. charge in the Stoppage Account, againſt the reſpective man's name for whom it ſhall have been ordered.

Puniſhed men. Puniſhed men ſhould, if poſſible, be placed in a ſeparate ward, and their linen be frequently changed. Their bedding ſhould be protected by a guard of oil-cloth under their ſheet.

Itched men. Men with the Itch ſhould be cured in a ſeparate tent in ſummer, or in a ſeparate room of the Hoſpital. Such men ſhould each bring with them a clean ſhirt, for a change after they are cured. Four frictions or ſmearing the body all over four times, at ſix hours diſtance, with the ſulphur ointment (keeping in bed the whole time) will, in moſt inſtances, eradicate the complaint. They muſt then be well waſhed in warm water, and put on clean linen and cloaths; their cloaths muſt be previouſly well ſcowered.

Whenever this complaint prevails in a regiment, there is to be a weekly inſpection of all the men, by the Surgeon or Aſſiſtant Surgeon.

Venereal. All men with Venereal Diſeaſe, are to be confined to the Hoſpital.

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The Inoculation of the Cow-Pock is to be conſtantly practiſed. Let every man who does not bear the mark of the Small-Pox, either by Inoculation, or otherwiſe, be ſubject to the trial of the Cow-Pock, if it has not been already done. The Cow-Pock occaſions no diſturbance to the frame, or confinement from duty. When Cow-Pock matter is wanted, application may be made for it to this office.

The Paymaſter of the Regiment, by a late order from the War-Office, is allowed on any preſſing occaſion, to advance money on the Hoſpital account, under the authority of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment: and the Surgeon is monthly to depoſit the ſurplus of his Hoſpital fund, into the hands of the Paymaſter, taking his receipt for the ſame.

Every Militia Surgeon before he quits his ſituation muſt make up his accounts from the laſt half-yearly ſettlement to the day on which he reſigns; and muſt tranſmit the ſame to the Inſpector-General, or he will be charged by the Paymaſter to the whole amount of the uncertified expenditure.

All Letters and Returns to the Inſpector-General, or any other member of the Army Medical

Medical Board, muſt be ſent under cover to the Right Honourable Secretary at War, War-Office.

The Rules and Orders contained in the Regulations of September, 1799, are of courſe to be attended to, where not contravened or modified by the preſent Inſtructions.

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April, 1803.

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GENERAL ORDERS.

HORSE GUARDS,
31*ſt Auguſt*, 1802.

THE Regulation for improving Regimental Hoſpitals, bearing date in the month of September, 1799, having directed that the ſum of 4s. per week ſhould be retained out of the pay of the ſoldier, for his maintenance while in the Regimental Hoſpital, and for the incidental expenſes of the ſaid Hoſpital; and it being thought proper to eſtabliſh a new Rate of Stoppage applicable to the above purpoſes, and to the other purpoſe hereafter mentioned.—It is His Majeſty's pleaſure, that, from the 25th September next incluſive, the ſum of 10d. a day ſhall be retained by the Pay-Maſter, or Acting Pay-Maſter, out of the Pay and Beer-money of each Non-commiſſioned Officer, Trumpeter, Drummer, and Private Man of His Majeſty's regiments of every deſcription, during the time of their being in the Regimental-Hoſpital; and that the ſame be paid over

over to the Regimental-Surgeon, as a fund, to be applied by him, under the ſuperintendence of the Commanding Officer, to the maintenance of the men, and the general expenſes of the Hoſpital.

It is His Majeſty's further order, that regular accompts of the expenditure for the above ſervices, be kept by the Regimental-Surgeons of the regiments of Cavalry and Infantry of the Line, to be furniſhed by them (being previouſly certified by the Commanding Officer) to the Inſpector-General of Army-Hoſpitals, at ſuch times and in ſuch forms as ſhall be preſcribed through the ſaid Inſpector-General, in order that, in the caſe of a deficiency of the ſaid fund, the ſame may be made good; and that, in the caſe of a ſurplus, the ſame may be applied to the general Medical Expenſes of the corps.

By order of His Royal Highneſs
The Commander in Chief,
HARRY CALVERT,
Adjutant-General.

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